

Music Notes:

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

African-American Christians found great comfort and encouragement in believing that this life was only a journey—a “passing through”—to a better place. As they passed through the bitter trials on this earth, their desire was that they not walk alone, but that Jesus walk with them. Knowing that Jesus, who had already passed through the fiery trials and come out triumphant on the other side, was walking beside them gave them courage to go on.

The source of this and most spirituals is unknown. This one is probably one of the ‘white spirituals’ which thrived for more than 200 years in the rural Appalachian culture. If this is true, “I Want Jesus...” may have roots in early 19th century camp meetings that were attended and led by Native Americans, African-Americans and Euro/Anglos.

It appears in our *Glory to God* hymnal at #775. The anthem arrangement heard today is by our friend, Mark Hayes who was commissioned to write the piece in memory of the mother of another friend of many of us, Kevin McBeth. Kevin is a St. Louis area musician who, a few years ago, lead the adult choral part of the annual summer workshop many Northwood folks attend.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Tuesday, March 17:** Robin Maclennan, Ethel Holden, Stephanie Strelcheck, Nyden Rodewald
- Wednesday, March 18:** Margaret Lewis, Lyn Booth
- Friday, March 20:** Jessica Curtin, Delaney Williamson
- Saturday, March 21:** Elaine Cornillaud, Peggy Steele

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Sharon Card

In Loving Memory of My Husband



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Dan & Anna Hyden
- (11:00) Cookie Roffey & Dee Rivers

USHERS:

- (8:15) Nancy Stevens & Gene Baker
Tom Beaver & Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Kim Peterson & Marie Ziegler
- (11:00) Dean Rabenstine & Sue Miskiewicz
Linda & Mike O’Leary

Ushers & Greeters



VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence
ACOLYTES: Lukas & Blake Ruisz

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)

Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, the youth will meet for Sunday School this week in rooms 10 & 12 where we will be continuing our series, *Amplify*.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

TCI -- Today's Christian Issues -- is an adult Sunday School class that meets at 9:30 each week to explore how our Christian faith informs our daily life and our attitudes toward local, national and international challenges. This week, Jim Vander Slik will complete his series on Covenant Theology in the Old and New Testaments. Next week, Nancy Marshall will examine Mary's song, The Magnificat.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

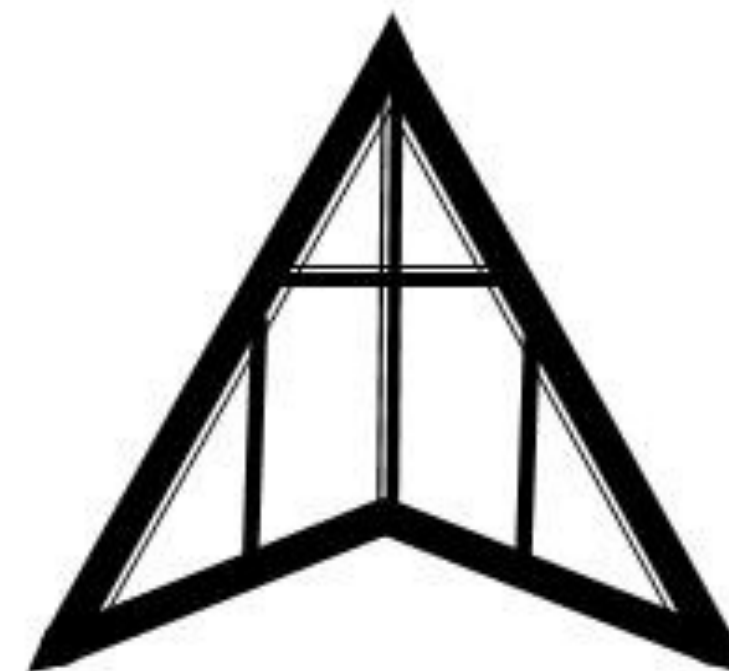
11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 6 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies—Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Malachi* by Linda B. Hinton. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

**Welcome To
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Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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March 15, 2020



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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 15, 2020
3rd Sunday in Lent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather in faith to worship God.

People: We gather in faith to embrace the promises of God.

Leader: We gather in faith to be honest with God about our doubts and fears.

People: We gather in faith to keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Leader: In faith, let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Arnold Sherman
Celebration Ringers

*(based on “Sheep May Safely Graze” and
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us” Bach/Bradbury)*

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, we know that far too often we bring fickle hearts, wavering commitments and an uncertain resolve into this house of worship. We know what it’s like to express bold faith on Sunday morning, and then live by tepid, timid faith throughout the week. In your mercy forgive such vacillating faith, and a corresponding lack of love for others. By your grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit catapult us into the areas and arenas in which we live to bear witness in word and deed to your saving love, a love that makes all the difference. In the powerful name of Jesus we do pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

CHILDREN’S MUSIC

(11:00)

“Funga Alafia”
Celestial Orff Ensemble

Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 95:1-6 NRSV (page 479)

ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
Jarrett Mattson, Djembe

arr. Mark Hayes

*I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, comfort me. In my trials, Lord, comfort me.
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to comfort me.*

*When I’m in trouble, Lord stay with me. When I’m in trouble, Lord stay with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to stay with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their
parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. Robert Hebble

*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #415

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:3-30, 39-42 NRSV (page 864)

SERMON

“Making Faith Your Own”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

ABERYSTWYTH

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING (8:15)
(please be seated)

“Funga Alafia”
Celestial Orff Ensemble

Traditional

(11:00)

“A Clare Benediction”
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

John Rutter

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

CHILDREN’S MUSIC

“Arky, Arky”

Cherub (age 3-1st grade) & Angel (2nd-5th grade) Choirs

WELCOME

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Lion and the Lamb”

“Rescuer”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S MUSIC

“Funga Alafia”

Celestial Orff Ensemble

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
CALL TO OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

“At the Cross”

SCRIPTURE

John 4:3-30, 39-42

MESSAGE

“Making Faith Your Own”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

VIDEO

“Faith on a Wire”

SONG OF DEDICATION

“At the Cross” (Love Ran Red)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!